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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Chairman, National Intelligence Council

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Acting NIO for General Purpose Forces

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SUBJECT : 1983 Forecasts - NIO for General Purpose Forces

1. The attached point paper highlights key military developments expected in 1983 (or beyond). They are divided into two major areas:

I. Expected Major Trends in Soviet General Purpose Forces in 1983 (or beyond).

II. Possible Significant Military Developments Worldwide in 1983 (or beyond) that Could Lead to Regional Destabilization.

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2. You will note that many of the regional forecasts cover conflict areas where political factors outweigh military considerations. Although we have coordinated this paper with the regional NIOs, we believe you will find fuller treatment of these potential trouble spots in their forecasts. Further, a cursory review of Part II might lead one to conclude that the Soviet provision of arms outside the Bloc in 1983 could cause worldwide destabilization. While some of these arms transfers are indeed probable, the accomplishment of many of them during the next year or two would constitute a new policy for the Soviet Union and would, in any case, be militarily and economically infeasible. [REDACTED]

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3. We are indebted to SOVA and OGI for much of this input and can elaborate on any of these that interest you. [REDACTED]

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